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The commenter proposes inserting an additional provision that airstream surfaces be "constructed and maintained to minimize the opportunity for growth and dissemination of microorganisms through the system".

Project Committee Response:
The Committee rejects this comment because the issue of minimizing the opportunity for growth and dissemination of microorganisms through the system is focus/objective of the proposed revisions of Section 5.6. Therefore, the Committee believes that these provisions adequately address the commenter's expected outcome, and present it in "code" enforceable language. The wording proposed by the commenter is very subjective and does not fit with the Committee's charge to develop code language addenda. This informative language would more appropriately be included in the Guide that will be developed to support the amended Standard.

The Committee agrees with the commenter's position that "construction" is a critical consideration in assuring long-term performance in controlling microbial growth. Therefore, the VSES subcommittee has submitted an additional addendum that addresses "construction and maintenance" issues related to airstream surfaces. These provisions would be included in the new Sections 7 and 8 of the Standard.

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